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The Puritans' Home School Curriculum

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L E S S O N 1

Learn the names of each of the letters of the alphabet, both 'small' (un-capitalized) and 'great' (capitalized), and learn to be able to say by memory the alphabet:

a b c d e f g h i j
k l m n o p q r s t
u v w x y z.

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U V W X Y Z.

L E S S O N 2

Learn which letters are called 'vowels' and which letters are called 'consonants':

Vowels.

a e i o u (y).

Consonants.

b c d f g h j k l
m n p q r s t v w
x (y) z.

L E S S O N 3

Learn the short vowel sounds and the sounds of all the consonant letters:

Vowels.
a e i o u (y).

Consonants.
b c d f g h j k l m n p
q r s t v w x (y) z.

LESSON 4

Practice the sound of each letter, and then listen as I read them in these Bible verses:

A Wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

BETTER is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure & trouble therewith.

COME unto Christ all ye that labor and are heavy laden and he will give you rest.

DO not the abominable thing which I hate saith the Lord.

EXCEPT a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

FOOLISHNESS is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

GODLINESS is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come.

HOLINESS becomes GOD's house for ever.

IT is good for me to draw near unto GOD.

KEEP thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

LIARS shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone.

MANY are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivereth them out of them all.

NOW is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.

OUT of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

PRAY to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which sees in secret shall reward thee openly.

QUIT you like men, be strong, stand fast in the faith.

REMEMBER thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

SEEST thou a man wise in his own conceit, there is more hope of a fool than of him.

TRUST in God at all times, ye people, pour out your hearts before him.

UPON the wicked, God shall rain an horrible tempest.

WO to the wicked, it shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

EXHORT one another daily while it is called to day, lest any of you be hardened thro' the deceitfulness of sin.

YOUNG men ye have overcome the wicked one.

ZEAL hath consumed me, because thy enemies have forgotten the word of God.

LESSON 5

Practice the sound of each letter some more, and then listen as I read a word with the letter in these poetic sentences which contain Bible truths. Do you know what this poem means?

A	In ADAM'S Fall We sinned all.	N	NOAH did view The old world & new.
B	Heaven to find; The Bible Mind.	O	Young OBADIAS, DAVID, JOSIAS, All were pious.
C	Christ crucified For sinners died.	P	PETER denied His Lord and cried.
D	The Deluge drowned The Earth around.	Q	Queen ESTHER sues And saves the Jews.
E	ELIJAH hid By Ravens fed.	R	Young pious RUTH, Left all for Truth.
F	The judgment made FELIX afraid.	S	Young SAMUEL dear, The Lord did fear.
G	As runs the Glass, Our Life does pass.	T	Young TIMOTHY Learnt sin to fly.
H	My Book and Heart Must never part.	V	VASHTI for Pride Was set aside.
J	JOB feels the Rod,-- Yet blesses GOD.	W	Whales in the Sea, GOD's Voice obey.
K	Proud Korah's troop Was swallowed up	X	XERXES did die, And so must I.
L	LOT fled to Zoar, Saw fiery Shower On Sodom pour.	Y	While youth do cheer Death may be near.
M	MOSES was he Who Israel's Host Led through the Sea	Z	ZACCHEUS he Did climb the Tree Our Lord to see.

L E S S O N

6

Learn how to combine one vowel sound with one consonant sound to make a word:

a

t

at

i

f

if

i

t

it

o

x

ox

a

x

ax

a

s

as

u

s

us

a

m

am

i

s

is

i

d

id

LESSON 7

Learn how to combine one vowel sound with 2 consonant sounds to make a word:

c
s
b
p
f
f
m
p
f
l
s
r
l
r
r
c
b
r
b

a
i
i
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m
d
d
n
d

cat
sit
bit
pit
fit
fix
mit
pat
fat
lad
sad
red
led
run
rum
cud
bad
ran
bud

L E S S O N 8

Learn how to recognize proper names, by the first letter capitalized:

Pat

Ted

Tom

Sal

Jed

Jud

Pam

Cal

Sam

L E S S O N 9

Learn how to read a sentence ending in a period with 2 words:

Pat sat.

Sal ran.

Jon sits.

Tom bit.

Bud ran.

Jud led.

Cal runs.

Ted sat.

L E S S O N

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Learn how to read a sentence ending in a period with 3 words:

Tom is sad.

Ted is red.

Sal is fit.

Tom hit Cal.

Jud led us.

Pam ran it.

L E S S O N

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Learn the sounds of these consonant digraphs:

ph as in Phil

sh as in shot

th as in thin

th as in the

ch as in chin

wh as in when

L E S S O N

12

Practice saying these sentences:

Tim ran fast.

The cat is sad.

When Sal sat.

The desk is red.

The pen is in the den.

The cat is in a hat.

Ted is thin.

Phil must rest.

Tim fell in when Tom ran up.

Let us chat.

The shack is big.

L E S S O N

13

Learn the sounds of these letter combinations and pronounce the words that include them:

ck - rack , lack , Jack
st - stop , stack , start
ng - sang , ring , song
nk - flunk , plunk , stunk
tr - truck , trim , trunk
cl - clip , clap , clasp
sm - smell , smack , smart
fr - frank , Fran , frill
tch - catch , latch , match
nd - bend , land , stand
qu - quack , quill , quick
mp - stamp , mumps , lump
ld - held , meld , told
tw - twin , twit , twins
lk - talk , walk , stalk
lp - scalp , help , yelp
gr - grill , grin , grit
er - butter , smarter , better
bl - blink , blast , bland
br - brand , bran , brick
dr - drink , drill , drunk
sl - slip , slit , slurp
sp - spell , spill , spurn

L E S S O N

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Learn the possessive:

's - Tom's bed is big.

s' - Les' chin is red.

Practice saying these sentences:

The rat ran past the cat.

Sam will not quit.

Pam lit a match.

Ted slept in the bed.

Tom's cat is fat.

Ted's cat is smarter than Les' pet rat.

L E S S O N

15

Learn the long vowel sounds:

Vowels.
aA eE iI oO uU
(yY).

Listen to the long vowel sound in these sentences:

aA - Abel's offering was
accepted by God.

eE - Eden was man's first home.

iI - I love and fear God.

oO - Oh, how love I thy law.

uU - Uriah the Hittite was a
faithful soldier.

(yY) - My yolk is easy and my
burden is light.

L E S S O N

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Practice sentences when the long vowel sounds are used:

aA

Jane can bake a cake.
Sam can stay.
Do not stair in the air.

eE

Stan will eat the meat at his seat.
Pete will sit here.
Jesus is God the Son.
His feet can walk on the street.

iI

Mike likes the kite.
It is not right to fight in the night.

oO

The stone is alone.
The oak is a tree.

uU

June will soon be here.
The juice is red.

yY

It is better to be busy than lazy.

L E S S O N

17

Learn and practice saying these words of one syllable:

Age	all	ape	are
Babe	beef	best	bold
Cat	cake	crown	cup
Deaf	dead	dry	dull
Eat	ear	eggs	eyes
Face	feet	fish	foul
Gate	good	grass	great
Hand	hat	head	heart
Ice	ink	isle	job
Kick	kind	kneel	know
Lamb	lame	land	long
Made	mole	moon	mouth
Name	night	noise	noon
Oak	once	one	ounce
Pain	pair	penny	pound
Quart	queen	quick	quilt
Rain	raise	rose	run
Saint	sage	salt	said
Take	talk	time	throat
Vain	vice	vile	view
Way	wait	waste	would

L E S S O N

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Learn and practice saying these words of two syllables:

Ab-sent	ab-hor	a-pron	au-thor
Ba-bel	be-came	be-guile	bold-ly
Ca-pon	cel-lar	con-stant	cup-board
Dai-ly	de-pend	di-verse	du-ty
Ea-gle	ea-ger	en-close	e-ven
Fa-ther	fa-mous	fe-male	fu-ture
Ga-ther	gar-den	gra-vy	glo-ry
Hei-nous	hate-ful	hu-mane	hus-band
In-fant	in-deed	in-cence	i-sland
Ja-cob	jeal-ous	jus-tice	ju-lep
La-bor	la-den	la-dy	la-zy
Ma-ny	ma-ry	mo-tive	mu-sic

L E S S O N

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Learn and practice saying these words of three syllables:

A-bu-sing
Bar-ba-rous
Cal-cu-late
Dam-ni-fy
Ea-ger-ly
Fa-cul-ty
Gar-de-ner
Hap-pi-ness

a-mend-ing
be-ne-fit
can-dle-stick
dif-fi-cult
em-ploy-ing
fa-mi-ly
glo-ri-ous
har-mo-ny

ar-gu-ment
beg-gar-ly
con-foun-ded
drow-si-ness
evi-dence
fu-ne-ral
gra-ti-tude
ho-li-ness

L E S S O N

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Learn and practice saying these words of four syllables:

A-bi-li-ty
Be-ne-fi-ted
Ca-la-mi-ty
De-li-ca-cy
E-di-fy-ing
Fe-bru-a-ry
Ge-ne-ral-ly

ac-com-pa-ny
be-a-ti-tude
ca-pa-ci-ty
di-li-gent-ly
e-ver-last-ing
fi-de-li-ty
glo-ri-fy-ing

af-fec-ti-on
be-ne-vo-lent
ce-re-mo-ny
du-ti-ful-ly
e-vi-dent-ly
for-mi-da-bly
gra-ci-ous-ly

L E S S O N

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Learn and practice saying these words of five syllables:

A-bo-mi-na-ble
Be-ne-dic-ti-on
Ce-le-bra-ti-on
De-cla-ra-ti-on
E-du-ca-ti-on
For-ni-ca-ti-on
Ge-ne-ra-ti-on

ad-mi-ra-ti-on
be-ne-fi-ci-al
con-so-la-ti-on
de-di-ca-ti-on
ex-hor-ta-ti-on
fer-men-ta-ti-on
ge-ne-ro-si-ty

L E S S O N

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Learn and practice saying these words of six syllables:

A-bo-mi-na-ti-on

Be-ne-fi-ci-al-ly

Con-ti-nu-a-ti-on

De-ter-mi-na-ti-on

E-di-fi-ca-ti-on

Fa-mi-li-a-ri-ty

Gra-ti-fi-ca-ti-on

Hu-mi-li-a-ti-on

I-ma-gi-na-ti-on

Mor-ti-fi-ca-ti-on

Pu-ri-fi-ca-ti-on

Qua-li-fi-ca-ti-on

L E S S O N

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Practice reading these sentences:

Pray to God.
Love God.
Fear God.
Serve God.
Take not God's Name in vain.
Keep the Lord's Day holy.
Do not Swear.
Do not Steal.
Cheat not in your play.
Play not with bad boys.
Call no ill names.
Use no ill words.
Tell no lies.
Hate Lies.
Speak the Truth.
Spend your Time well.
Love your School.
Mind your Book.
Strive to learn.
Be not a Dunce.

L E S S O N

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Practice reading the poem for each letter. What does this poem mean?

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